

Pennsylvania GAZETTE.

Containing the freshest Advices Foreign and Domestick.

From Tuesday, January 13. to Tuesday, January 20. 1729-30.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Tripoly, in Barbary, Aug. 2.

THE Regency of this City and State have concluded a Treaty of Peace with a Venetian Merchant here settled, who has sent the Articles to Venice for the Senate's Approbation. This Merchant has obtain'd for the Republick the same Conditions granted to the other European Powers who are at Peace with this Government. He has also farmed of the Regency the Salt-pits of Zoara, 20 Leagues from hence, for 60,000 Pieces of Eight per Annum, which is just double what the Genoeses were wont to pay for the said Farm; but the Bey and Divan have now given the Preference to the Venetians, from whom they are flattered that they may reap a much more advantagious Commerce than from the Genoeses. This Government is very sensibly touch'd with the Loss of their Vice-Admiral, a Ship of 50 Guns and 346 Men, lately taken by a Maltese Man of War; and the more so, because that Ship, about two Years before, was presented them by the Grand Seignior. Here is much Talk of a Treaty of Union between these Corsairs, and those of Tunis and Algiers: They say it tends to the forming a Squadron to go against the Malteses, whom they all dread by Sea more than they do any other Christians whatever.

Paris, Sept. 9.

When the Envoys of Tripoly had an Audience of the King, Hadgi Mehemed Goureb, Secretary to the Divan, delivered his Majesty the following Letter from Achmet, Bey of that Republick.

MOST High, most Potent, and most Magnificent Emperor of France and Navarre, Lewis XV. who art the most Glorious of all the Christian Monarchs, and the Chosen among the Great Princes of the Religion of the Meffias! May the most High God direct thy Imperial Majesty into the Paths of Righteousness, and into the most perfect Ways! — After having informed our selves of the State of thy

Imperial Majesty's Health, and put up Vows agreeable to true Friendship, and also made our Supplication to the Almighty, that he would preserve thee in the State of supreme Power and Prosperity thou at present enjoyest; we have the Honour to acquaint thee, that we intreat thee not to make the least Doubt of the entire Gratitude with which we are filled, as well on Account of thy great Goodness in restoring us to the Honour of thy Favour and Friendship, which we formerly enjoyed; as for the gracious Reception thou wast pleased to give to the Persons we sent on our Part to sue for Peace at the Hands of thy most Sublime Imperial Majesty. We beg thy Imperial Majesty would be so good, as to assure thy self, that nothing shall ever be done by us or any of our Subjects, in Breach of the Treaty of Peace now just renewed; the rather, because the whole Republick of Tripoly is filled with Joy upon the Restoration of Friendship and good Understanding. For our Part, we shall take all possible Care, that our Kings and other Members and Subjects of the Republick, maintain religiously the Treaty in Question; and that if any Person breaks the same, he shall be exemplarily punished. We dare flatter ourselves, we shall obtain thy Imperial Majesty's Favour, which we earnestly implore; beseeching God to preserve thy Imperial Majesty in Health and Prosperity. Written the 8th of Moharrim of the Hegira 1142. that is to say the 2d of August, N. S. 1729. Signed Achmet, Beiglierbey of Tripoly in Barbary, the Well-preserved.

The King having refused a Pardon which was desir'd for a Couple of Deserters, Application was made to the Dutchess of Ventadour, who pinn'd a Petition for the two poor Convicts to the Breast of the Dauphine, and the King being surprized at it when he came to see the Prince, the Dutchess said to him, *Sire, 'tis the first Petition that was ever put up to you by the Dauphine: Can you deny him?* The King was so affected with the Dutchess's good-natur'd Stratagem, that he granted a Pardon to both the Deserters.

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The King has given 30,000 Livres to the Cardinal de Rohan, great Almoner of France, to discharge poor Prisoners for Debt in this City.

Paris, Octob. 14. The King of Great Britain, lately wrote a Letter, with his own Hand, to His Majesty, imparting to him the true State of those Differences which had arisen between his said Majesty and the King of Prussia, and to thank him for the Readiness wherewith his Majesty offered him his Assistance. This Letter his Majesty has answered in the most obliging Terms, and has given his Britannick Majesty fresh Assurances of the sincere Desire he has of rendering to that Monarch, as also to the whole British Nation, all the Services that can be expected from a good and faithful Allie.

London, Aug. 30. Wednesday Sir Robert Walpole splendidly entertained her Majesty and Royal Family at his House at Chelsea, in the most sumptuous Manner ever seen in England on such an Occasion; a Kitchen was built with 26 Places for Fire in the Stable-Yards. After Dinner, the illustrious Guests retired to the Banqueting-House to drink Tea, where fine Musick was playing in several Barges all the Time: Then they return'd to the Green House, being entertain'd with a Ball, and afterwards sup'd.

They write from Mountain Farly in Somersetshire, that some Hay belonging to Mr. Webb, being laid together too green, took Fire, and burnt some other Ricks, containing about 100 Tons.

Saturday one Mary Hinton who lived in Catharine-Wheel Alley in White-Chapel, was tumbled down Stairs, and killed, by a Woman who threatned her, and was as good as her Word,

Tuesday a Servant of Mr. Peters at Hoxton riding thro' Spittlefields Market, a Person struck the Horse, which toss'd the Rider on a Butcher's Hook, and miserably tore his Throat, piercing the jugular Vein, but a Surgeon coming by sew'd it up, and he is likely to do well.

We hear Mr. Acton, Keeper of the Marshalsea Prison, (*See our Gazette No. 57.*) was committed on Wednesday to the New Goal for another Murther done in his own Goal.

The same Day Mr. Romans, a blind Gentleman of about 70, being at his Son-in-Law's the Rev. Mr. Hays's in Bell Alley in Coleman-street, and none of the Family in Town but the Maid, he sent her for the Parish Clerk, and in the mean Time cut his Throat in the Necessary-house; his Windpipe not being touch'd a Surgeon immediately sew'd it up, tho' against the old Gentleman's Will.

A Gentlewoman, (lunatick) who lodg'd at a Shoemaker's in Durham-yard, hang'd her self whilst her Maid was at Dinner.

Sept. 6. Sunday Morning, John Walker, a Ship-Carpenter, was found hanging in his Chamber at Deptford.

George Simpson of Eglos in Wales, was run over by his Cart of Salt near Snowden Hill.

Timothy Ashbury, a Watchman, about 80 Years of Age, hang'd himself in Catherine-Wheel Alley, Whitechapel. And one Alice, who had been kept several Years by Bromley Parish near Bow, cut her Throat: Five Guineas and several Gold Rings were hid in her Trunk. Both happen'd last Week.

We hear from Canterbury, that a Fire broke out last Week at the Oast of Justice Stole at Bobbing, by the Funnel's bursting, which for want of Assistance, consum'd it, with a Load of Hops, a Barn full of Barley, the Stables, Granary, &c. to the Value of near 1000*l*.

Boston, Dec. 22. On Saturday last his Honour our Lieut. Governor and Commander in Chief, was pleased to prorogue the Great and General Court or Assembly of this Province, to Wednesday the 18th of March next, at 10 o'Clock in the Forenoon; having given his Assent to *An Act for the Relief of Anabaptists and Quakers, by exempting them from being taxed for the Support of the Ministerial Charge,* and to two other Acts.

On the same Day came hither by Land from Rhode-Island Captain Winkley, who sailed from this Place about three Months ago in a Brigantine for Jamaica, and informs us, that on the 11th of October last, having made the Island called the Great Virgin, about eight in the Morning esp'd a Sail, but not mistrusting an Enemy, stood on their Course till about Noon, at which Time they perceived she made after them; whereupon they alter'd their Tack and stood away from them, having a pleasant Gale; and while the Wind lasted they shot from them, and had almost run them out of Sight; but soon after the Wind dying away, the Vessel in Chase of Capt. Winkley man'd out twenty Oars, and soon came up with him; and prov'd to be a Spanish Pirate Sloop, who board'd and took the Brigantine. There were two Captains on board the Pirate, the one a Spaniard, and the other a Negro, and their Number was about 45 or 50, who were chiefly Indians, Negros and Spaniards, and about 5 or 6 Whites. The said Pirates order'd Captain Winkley to hoist in his Boat, which not being readily done, they cut her Rope and let her drive; and after having very barbarously treated them, especially Capt Winkley, Mr. Rogers and Mr. Wille his Passengers, taking the Flints out of their Guns, and putting their Thumbs in their Place screw'd them almost to pieces, clap'd Pistols to their Breasts, and beat them with Cutlasses, in order to make them confess what they had; they put a Number of their piratical Company, where were also Capt. Winkley and Company, and both proceeded towards Porto Rico, off which Place they anchor'd that Night, but in their Way thither so barbarous and inhuman were the Company on board the Brig. that besides other ill Treatment, they strip'd Capt. Winkley and the aforesaid Mr. Rogers and Wille as naked as they were born, and threw them into the Sea, at which Time the Vessels were about Half a Mile Distant from one another, but when the Pirate Sloop came near them, they cast out Ropes to them and took them in, and gave each of them an old pair of Trowsers and a Shirt just to cover their Nakedness. The next Morning Capt. Winkley's Company were all taken aboard the Pirate Sloop, and the Brig. put under sail, but for what Place they could not learn; and then the Sloop carried Capt. Winkley and his Company, being 12 in Number, to a maroon'd Place, called Crabbs Island, and put them on Shore there, with whom the Pirates left about 8 Pound of Bread and the same Quantity of Beef, and there left them; where they remain'd in a miserable Condition almost perish'd with Hunger and Nakedness, 18 Days, till Nov. 1. when they saw a small Vessel passing by near the said Place; upon which they made up a Fire; and gave Signs to the Vessel, which sent a Boat a-shore; and after being acquainted with their Distresses, took them on board, and carried them to St. Thomas's, from whence Captain Winkley and part of his Company got a Passage for Rhode-Island.

Custom-

Custom-House, New-York, Inward Entries. From December 30. to January 13.

R. Robinson from Rhode-Island, J. Young from Barbadoes, J. Luth, Scoon, Ranger, Scoon Lamb for Barbadoes, T. Barnes, El. Pipon for Boston, S. Payton for Jamaica.

Outward Entries. J. Luth, Scoon, Ranger, Scoon Lamb for Barbadoes, T. Barnes, El. Pipon for Boston, S. Payton for Jamaica.

Cleared out, Ob. Engs to Boston, W. Jeggels to Antigua.

Philadelphia, Jan. 20.

We think our Readers will not be displeased to have the following remarkable Transaction related to them in this particular Manner.

Wednesday the 14th Instant, being the Day appointed for the Execution of *James Prouse* and *James Mitchel* for Burglary, suitable Preparations were accordingly made. The tender Youth of one of them (who was but about 19) and the supposed Innocence of the other as to the Fact for which they were condemned, had induced the Judges (upon the Application of some compassionate People to) recommend them to His Honour's known Clemency: But several Malefactors having been already pardoned, and every Body being sensible, that, considering the great Increase of Vagrants and idle Persons, by the late large Importation of such from several Parts of Europe, it was become necessary for the common Good to make some Examples, there was but little Reason to hope that either, and less that both of them might escape the Punishment justly due to Crimes of that enormous Nature. About 11 o'Clock the Bell began to Toll, and a numerous Croud of People was gathered near the Prison, to see these unhappy young Men brought forth to suffer. While their Irons were taken off, and their Arms were binding, *Prouse* cry'd immoderately; but *Mitchel* (who had himself all along behaved with unusual Fortitude) endeavoured in a friendly tender Manner to comfort him: *Do not cry, Femmy; (says he) In an Hour or two it will be over with us, and we shall both be easy.* They were then placed in a Cart, together with a Coffin for each of them, and led thro' the Town to the Place of Execution: *Prouse* appear'd extremely dejected, but *Mitchel* seem'd to support himself with a becoming manly Constancy: When they arriv'd at the fatal Tree, they were told that it was expected they should make some Confession of their Crimes, and say something by Way of Exhortation to the People. *Prouse* was at length with some Difficulty prevail'd on to speak; he said, his Confession had been taken in Writing the Evening before; he acknowledged the Fact for which he was to die, but said, That *Greyer* who had sworn against him was the Person that persuaded him to it; and declared that he had never wronged any Man beside Mr. *Sheed*, and his Master. *Mitchel* being desired to speak, reply'd with a sober compos'd Countenance, *What would you have me to say? I am innocent of the Fact.* He was then told, that it did not appear well in him to persist in asserting his Innocence; that he had had a fair Trial, and was found guilty by twelve honest and good Men. He only answer'd, *I am innocent; and it will appear so before God; and sat down.* Then they were both bid to stand up, and the Ropes were order'd to be thrown over the Beam; when the Sheriff took a Paper out of his Pocket and began to read. The poor Wretches, whose Souls were at that Time fill'd with the immediate Terrors of approaching Death, having nothing else before their Eyes, and being without the least Apprehension or Hope of a Reprieve, took but little Notice of what was read; or it seems imagined it to be some previous Matter of Form, as a Warrant for their Execution or the like, till they heard the Words *PITY* and *MERCY* [And whereas the said *James Prouse* and *James Mitchel* have been recommended to me as proper Objects of Pity and Mercy.] Immediately *Mitchel* fell into the most violent Agony; and having only said, *God bless the Governor*, he swooned away in the Cart. Suitable Means were used to recover him; and when he came a little to himself, he added; *I have been a great Sinner; I have been guilty of almost every Crime; Sabbath-breaking in particular, which led me into ill Company; but These I never was guilty of. God bless the Governor, and God Almighty's Name be praised; and then swooned again.* *Prouse* likewise seem'd to be overwhelmed with Joy, but did not swoon. All the Way back to the Prison, *Mitchel* lean'd on his Coffin, being unable to support himself, and shed Tears in abundance. He who went out to die with a large Share of Resolution and Fortitude, re-

turned in the most dispirited Manner imaginable; being utterly over-power'd by the Force of that sudden Turn of excessive Joy, for which he had been no Way prepared. The Concern that appeared in every Face while these Criminals were leading to Execution, and the Joy that diffused it self thro' the whole Multitude, so visible in their Countenances upon the mention of a Reprieve, seems to be a pleasing Instance, and no small Argument of the general laudable Humanity even of our common People, who were unanimous in their loud Acclamations of *God bless the Governor for his Mercy.*

The following are Copies of the Papers delivered out by *Prouse* and *Mitchel* the Evening before, with little or no Alteration from their own Words.

I James Prouse was born in the Town of *Brentford* in *Middlesex* County in *Old England*, of honest Parents, who gave me but little Education. My Father was a Corporal in the late Lord *Oxford's* Regiment of Horse, (then named the said Lord's Blues) and I was for some Time in the Care of an Uncle who lived at *Eling* near *Brentford* aforesaid, and who would have given me good Learning; but I being young would not take his good Counsel, and in the 12th Year of my Age came into *Philadelphia*, where I was recommended to one of the best of Masters, who never let me want for any Thing: But I minding the evil Insinuations of wicked People, more than the good Dictates of my Master, and having not the Fear of God before my Eyes, am deservedly brought to this wretched and shameful End. I acknowledge I justly merit Death for the Fact which condemns me; but I never had the least Design or Thought of the like, until often press'd, and at length seduced to it by *John Greyer*, who was the only Person that ruined me. He often solicited me to be guilty of other Crimes of the like Nature, but I never was guilty of any such, neither with him or any one else; neither did I ever wrong any Man before, save my too indulgent Master; from whom I now and then pilfer'd a Yard or the like of Cloth, in order to make Money to spend with the said *Greyer*. As for *James Mitchel* who dies for the same Fact with me, as I hope to receive Mercy at the great Tribunal, he the said *James Mitchel* is intirely innocent, * and knew nothing of the Fact until apprehended and taken. I am about Nineteen Years of Age and die a Protestant.

JAMES PROUSE.

The Speech or Declaration of James Mitchel written with his own Hand.

I James Mitchel, was born, at *Antrim* in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, of good and honest Parents, and brought up with them until the Age of 13 Years, and had a suitable Education given me, such as being taught to read and write *English*, with some *Latin*; and might have been further instructed, but at my earnest Request was bound Apprentice to a Bookbinder, and served 4 Years to that Trade; after which I left the Kingdom and went for *England* in order to be further improved in my Business; but there had the Misfortune to be press'd on board the *Berwick* Man of War, commanded by the Honorable *George Gordon*, and having been at several Parts abroad, returned to *England* in *Octob. 1728*. where I was by Sickness reduced to a very sad Condition, through which I came over to this Country a Servant; here I was it seems unfortunately led into bad Company, and one Evening by *James Prouse* was raised out of my Bed to go and drink with him and one *Greyer*, the which *Greyer* after parting gave to the said *James Prouse* Six-pence, which was all the Money I saw that Night and till next Morning, and then *James Prouse* took out of his Pocket a 15 Shilling Bill, and desired me to get it changed for him, in order to spend some of it; but coming unto Town I was apprehended for the robbing Mr. *George Sheed*, and now am to die for the same. I die a Protestant.

JAMES MITCHEL.

* N. B. He declared the same Thing at the Bar just before he received Sentence.

From

From Amboy we hear, that a Negro was burnt alive there on Monday the 12th Instant, for the Murder of an old Man a Taylor who work'd in the House, but for want of other Conveniency lodg'd in the Barn. The Body was drag'd into a neighbouring Swamp, where upon Search it was found. The Negro made no Confession till he came to the Stake, and then acknowledg'd the Fact, but said he could not help it, for he must kill somebody. He was a considerable Time in the Flames before he dy'd, and cry'd out *Murder, Murder*, continually.

On Sunday and Sunday Night last, fell the greatest Snow that has been known here in many Years past, it being about two Foot deep.

By Letters from London of the 25th of October, there is Advice that the Peace was very near if not quite concluded; and that the English Fleet which lay at Spithead, was gone to convoy Don Carlos into Italy.

From Boston we hear, that the Assembly have publish'd the Form of an Act for retrieving and ascertaining the Value of their Paper Currency, which is likely to pass at their next Session.

Custom-House Entries. None.

Buried in the several Burying-Grounds of this City in the Week past.

Church	2.	}	Baptists	0.			
Quakers	0.			}	Strangers,	Whites	3.
Presbyterians	0.					Blacks	0.
In all	5.	Decreased in the Burials this Week 1.					

Advertisements.

STOLEN out of the House of *Matthew*

Kensley in *Upper Merion*, about the 25th of Jan. 1728-9, a large Church Bible, new and well bound, having the Common Prayer, the Apocrypha, an Index, and a Table of Weights and Measures, bound up with it; and his Name wrote on the back side of the Title Page of the New Testament. Now whereas the said *Matthew Kensley* soon after published an Advertisement, offering to the Person who should bring home the said Bible, a Reward of *Twenty Shillings* and no Questions ask'd, but hath not since heard any Thing of it; This is further to advertise, That whoever will inform him where the said Bible is, so that he may have it again; and make such Discovery as that the Thief may be brought to Justice, shall receive *Five Pounds* Reward, and reasonable Charges paid by *Matthew Kensley*.

To be LET or SOLD:

THE Great Brick House at the North

End of *Philadelphia*, with Gardens, Orchard, Thirty Acres of Upland, Meadow-Ground and Marsh; as also a good Cart and Gears, with four good roan Horses, and Hay to serve them all Winter. Enquire of *Daniel Pegg*, at the said House and know further.

Just Published; the Second Edition of

AN ELEGY on the Death of that

ancient, venerable and useful Matron and Midwife, *Mrs. Mary Broadwell*, who rested from her Labours, Jan. 2. 1730. Aged A Hundred Years and one Day. Sold by *David Harry* Printer in *Philadelphia*, and *William Hewitt* in *New-York*.

Titan Leeds's, Felix Leeds's, John Jer-
man's, William Birkett's, and the New-York
A L M A N A C K S,

For the Year 1730. All Sold by the Printers hereof at the common Prices.

Philadelphia: Printed by *B. Franklin* and *H. Meredith*, at the New Printing-Office near the Market, where Advertisements are taken in, and all Persons may be supplied with this Paper, at Ten Shillings a Year.

R U N away on the 28th of December past, from *Thomas Hynson Wright*, *Thomas Wilkinson*, and *William Gough* of *Queen Ann's County* in *Maryland*, the three following Servant Men, viz.

The said *Wright's* Man is named *Stephen Westcott*, a lusty well-complexion'd Man, his under Fore teeth are black; had on a Caltor Hat, a cloth Coat with metal Buttons, a corded dimiry Vest, an old loose Whitney Coat spotted with Tar, grey plush Breeches, homespun Stockings, old Shoes, and a dark natural Wig.

The said *Wilkinson's* Man is named *James Westcott*, a lusty well-made fresh-coloured Man, with a long Nose, wears his own Hair of a brown Colour bushy and curling; he had on a Felt Hat, a snuff-coloured cloth Coat, a dark-coloured Vest, and a corded dimiry Vest, indian-dress leather Breeches with Strings at the Knees, and one Button at each Knee, worsted Stockings and Country-made Shoes.

The said *Gough's* Man is named *Michael Margatroyd*, of a middle Stature, much pock-broken in the Face; he had on a Felt Hat, a Coat of grey Duroy, a Vest lined with Red, his other Cloaths uncertain. They have with them a small new Gun, the Barrel bright, and Stock yellowish. They pretend to be Sailors leaving Capt. *Stringfellow* in *Maryland*.

Whoever shall apprehend the said Servants, and secure them so that their Masters may have them again, and give Notice thereof to either of us or to Mr. *W. Grosshwaite*, Pen-wig-maker in *Philadelphia*, shall have Six Pounds Reward for the three, and proportionably for either of them, with reasonable Charges, paid by *Thomas Hynson Wright*, *Thomas Wilkinson*, *William Gough*.

Just Published:

JOHN YERMAN'S ALMANACK

for the Year 1730, after his usual Method; Containing the Planets diurnal Motions, Aspects, Eclipses, Lunations, Judgment of the Weather, Sun's Rising and Setting, Moon's Rising and Setting, 7 Stars Rising, Southing and Setting, Time of High-water, Spring Tides, Fairs, Courts, and observable Days.

Printed and Sold by *David Harry* in Second Street, at 3s. 9d. per Doz.

LEFT in the Stable of *George Shoemaker*,

Innholder, at the Lion in Elbow-Lane near Market-Street, on the 17th of November last, by a Person unknown, A dark Bay Horse, about 12 Hands high, with a small Star in his Forehead, switch Tail and trimm'd Main, no Flesh-Marks. If the Owner will come speedily and pay for his Keeping, &c. he may have him again; otherwise he will be sold to answer Charges.

AT *Evan Morgan's*, near the Market in

Philadelphia, lives *John Frost*, Stay-Maker and Childrens Coat-Maker, lately from *London*: Where Gentlemen and others may have their Stays, Children's Coats, Cloaks and Gowns made after the best and newest Fashion. He can make Stays without Padding, shall make Women look strait that are not so. Likewise Customers may be furnished with very good Whale-bone, and all Sorts of Stay-trimming cheap, and Mens Cloaths made: And at the said Shop is to be sold very good Chocolate, Wine, Rum, Melasses, Sugar, Cotton, Spunges, Rice, Oatmeal, Powder and Shot, Iron Pots and Kettles both *English* and *Pennsylvania* make, good *English* Steel by the Fagot or otherwise, also good Feathers, and seasoned Pine Boards, and several other Sorts of Goods sold very reasonable, by *Evan Morgan*.

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